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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOC NOMINATES AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH KOREA

1. GOC ANNOUNCED JAN 3 THAT AGREMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR GOC NOMINEE FOR AMBASSADOR ADMIRAL (RETIRED) LEOPOLDO FONTAINE NAKIN. CHILE HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN KOREA BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

2. FONTAINE, NOW AGE 67, WAS CAREER NAVAL OFFICER, AND SERVED AS ATTACHE IN BRAZIL AND SPAIN. RETIRED IN 1963 FROM LAST POSTING AS CINC CHILEAN NAVY. MARRIED, HAS FAIR ENGLISH, GOOD FRENCH. OUR OLD BIO RECORDS DESCRIBE HIM AS RIGHT-WING IDEOLOGICALLY, "GENTLEMAN OF OLD SCHOOL," STRONG CHARACTER, PLEASANT, OF MODERATE HABITS. CONSIDERED GOOD FRIEND OF US. HAS ATTENDED TO PRIVATE AFFAIRS SINCE RETIREMENT, AND IS NOT KNOWN TO CURRENT EMBASSY OFFICERS.

3. COMMENT. APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT AMB TO SEOUL REFLECTS RECENT RECOGNITION BY GOC THAT IT NEEDS TO EXPAND ITS DIPLO-MATIC REPRESENTATION, ESPECIALLY IN ASIA AND AFRICA, AND ALSO TENDS TO CONFIRM RECENT REPORTS THAT GOC HAS FOUND POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL SOURCE OF SOME ARMS IN ROK. FONTAINE IS ALMOST STANDARD ISSUE GOC AMBASSADOR, A RETIRED MILITARY MAN WHOSE PRINCIPAL QUALIFICATION FOR THE JOB IS HIS COMPLETE POLITICAL
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